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1. THE FOLLOWING GENERAL ADVICE WILL BE GIVEN TO SECURITY  
OFFICERS OF THE PRINCIPAL U.S. FIRMS AND IS USED TO ANSWER  
TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES:

"THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT DECLARED MARTIAL LAW IN TEHRAN  
AND ELEVEN OTHER CITIES. EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD RIGOROUSLY  
OBEY THE MARTIAL LAW RULES AND REGULATIONS. WE RECOMMEND  
THAT YOU LISTEN TO THE NATIONAL IRANIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION  
AT LEAST ONE A DAY SO AS TO BE AWARE OF NEW REGULATIONS AS  
THEY ARE ISSUED.

THIS IS A TIME FOR THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO ACT WITH MATURITY  
AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY. GO ON ABOUT YOUR DAILY LIFE CALMLY  
AND DO NOT ADD TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES.  
NO AMERICAN HAS BEEN INJURED AND THERE HAS BEEN NO VIOLENCE  
DIRECTED AGAINST AMERICANS. AVOID THE AREA OF SOUTH  
TEHRAN AND THE BAZAAR UNTIL OTHERWISE ADVISED, AND DO NOT  
LINGER IN AREAS NEAR MOSQUES. IF YOU SEE CROWDS GATHERING,  
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CHANGE YOUR ROUTING, EVEN IF THIS GREATLY INCONVENIENCES  
YOU. DO NOT BE A RUMOR MONGER -- THERE ARE ENOUGH OF  
THOSE ALREADY.

CURFEW

EXCEPT FOR THE CURFEW, MARTIAL LAW SHOULD NOT DISRUPT

MOST OF YOUR DAILY ROUTINE. IN TEHRAN THE CURFEW IS FROM 10:00 PM UNTIL 5:00 AM.

IF YOU TRAVEL TO OTHER CITIES UNDER MARTIAL LAW, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN THE CURFEW HOURS BECAUSE THE CURFEW IS NOT THE SAME IN ALL CITIES.

YOU MUST SCHEDULE YOUR AFFAIRS SO AS TO BE HOME BEFORE CURFEW HOURS. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE DRIVERS SHOULD RETURN TO YOUR HOME IN TIME TO PERMIT THE DRIVER SUFFICIENT TIME TO TRAVEL TO HIS HOUSE. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELFARE OF YOUR DRIVER IN THIS RESPECT.

SHOULD YOU UNAVOIDABLY BE ON THE STREET AFTER CURFEW, OBEY THE ORDERS AND SIGNALS OF THE MILITARY AND POLICE AUTHORITIES AND FOLLOW THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.

#### SOCIAL GATHERINGS

WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOCIAL GATHERINGS ARE PERMITTED BUT THAT YOU SHOULD INFORM YOUR LOCAL POLICE PRECINCT. IF YOU ARE ADVISED TO CANCEL YOUR FUNCTIONS, DO SO.

SCHEDULE ANY PARTY TO PERMIT YOUR GUESTS PLENTY OF TIME TO ARRIVE HOME WELL BEFORE THE CURFEW. AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A GENERAL RULE ALL PARTIES SHOULD BE CONCLUDED BY 8:30-8:45 PM.

IF A GUEST DWADLES AND THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY HE/SHE CANNOT GET TO HIS/HER RESIDENCE BY CURFEW, BE PREPARED TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

#### AIRPORT ARRIVALS

THE AIRLINES ARE MAKING SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BRING TRAVELERS WHO ARRIVE AFTER CURFEW OR JUST BEFORE INTO THE CITY. THE MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES DO NOT WANT VISITORS TO BE MET AT THE AIRPORT OR ACCOMPANIED TO THE AIRPORT.

IF YOU HAVE FRIENDS OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATES ARRIVING AFTER CURFEW, FIND OUT FROM THE AIRLINES WHAT THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE.

MANY AIRLINES HAVE CHANGED OR WILL CHANGE SCHEDULES TO ARRIVE IN NONCURFEW HOURS. CHECK WITH THE AIRLINES IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART FROM TEHRAN OR ARE RECEIVING

VISITORS.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

THE MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT YOU CAN CALL 123 FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, E.G., AMBULANCE ACCOMPANIED BY ESCORT. THIS SYSTEM IS NOT FULLY OPERATIONAL AS YET BUT WE ARE IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE AUTHORITIES TO PERFECT THE SYSTEM TO GIVE YOU PROTECTION AND CARE.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OF ANY KIND, CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE PRECINCT. BEAR IN MIND THAT MOST OF THESE CALLS WILL BE ANSWERED BY A FARSI SPEAKER. IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOU NEED FARSI LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE AMERICAN EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICE DURING WORKING HOURS (EXT. 1145, 1158) OR THE MARINE GUARD AFTER HOURS."

2. IF WE ARE QUERIED WHETHER WE ARE PREPARING/PLANNING EVACUATION OF U.S. CITIZENS, THE ANSWER IS SIMPLY "NO, THE SITUATION IS NOT NEARLY THAT SERIOUS."  
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